

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 171

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilk

August 7, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 171—Relative to
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 171, as introduced, Wilk. Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease
Awareness Month.

This measure would declare September 2014 as Charcot-Marie-Tooth
Disease Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) is one of the
2 most commonly inherited neurological disorders, affecting
3 approximately 1 in 2,500 people in the United States and 2.6
4 million people worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, CMT affects both motor and sensory nerves with
6 symptoms that may include muscle weakness in the foot and lower
7 leg, foot deformities, frequent tripping or falls, and muscle
8 weakness in the hands; and

9 WHEREAS, CMT is one of 40 diseases covered by the Muscular
10 Dystrophy Association, but unlike muscular dystrophy, in which
11 the defect is in the muscles, CMT is a disorder in which the defect
12 is in the nerves that control the muscles; and

13 WHEREAS, The onset of CMT symptoms typically begins in
14 adolescence or early adulthood, but some individuals develop

1 symptoms in mid-adulthood, with the severity of symptoms varying
2 among individuals and pain ranging from mild to severe; and

3 WHEREAS, Although physical therapy, occupational therapy,
4 and moderate physical activity are beneficial in treating CMT, and
5 sometimes CMT is surgically treated, currently there is no cure
6 for CMT; and

7 WHEREAS, The Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association is dedicated
8 to supporting the development of new drugs to treat CMT in order
9 to improve the quality of life of people with CMT, and ultimately,
10 to find a cure for this disease; and

11 WHEREAS, Dedicating a month to increase awareness of CMT,
12 its symptoms and the obstacles faced by individuals and families
13 affected by the disorder would be highly beneficial; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
16 *thereof concurring,* That September 2014 be declared
17 Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.